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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

JOAQUIN A. RODRIGUEZ TORRES,
 CORNELIA M. STEUBE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GERARD HEINAUER, Director, U.S.
 Citizenship and Immigration Services,
 Nebraska Service Center;
 DR. EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director, U.S.
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the U.S.
 Department of Homeland Security;
 ROBERT MUELLER, Director,
 Federal Bureau of Investigations;
 ALBERTO GONZALES, Attorney General,
 U.S. Department of Justice,

Defendants.

No. C 07-3345 TEH

**PARTIES' JOINT REQUEST TO BE
 EXEMPT FROM FORMAL ADR
 PROCESS and [PROPOSED] ORDER**

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might benefit from any of them. Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this mandamus action is limited to plaintiffs' request that this Court compel

1 defendants to adjudicate their applications for adjustment of status. Given the substance of the
2 action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the
3 proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the
4 parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused
5 from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

6 Dated: September 10, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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12 Assistant United States Attorney
13 Attorney for Defendants

14 Dated: September 10, 2007

/s/
15 MARTIN J. LAWLER
16 Attorney for Plaintiffs

17 **ORDER**

18 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 Date:

21 THELTON E. HENDERSON
22 United States District Judge
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